



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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FORT IRWIN, CA 92310-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: NTC Policy Letter 13, Cantonment Area Policy for Rotational Training Units and Augmentation Soldiers on Fort Irwin

1. PURPOSE: To establish limits on the presence and conduct of military personnel and accompanying civilian employees and contractors of Rotational Training Units (hereinafter referred to collectively as RTU personnel) and augmentation Soldiers in the cantonment area of the National Training Center (NTC) and Fort Irwin because of its limited size and capacity.

2. REFERENCES:

- a. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, 3 Feb 05.
- b. AR 600-63, Army Health Promotion, 7 Sep 10 (RAR).
- c. NTC Exercise Operating Procedures, Oct 08.
- d. NTC Policy Letter 7, Uniform Policy, 10 May 10.

3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all RTU personnel and all augmentation Soldiers.

4. POLICY:

a. The NTC and Fort Irwin is committed to providing RTUs with the best combat training in the world and, as our guests, access to our community services and facilities. However, Fort Irwin is a small and isolated installation and its cantonment area facilities are staffed, stocked, resourced, and funded merely to meet the requirements of the assigned Soldier and Family population. Consequently, even though RTU personnel and augmentation Soldiers are welcome to use most of the community services and facilities available on Fort Irwin, the following areas/activities are off limits:

- (1) The Coyote Activities Center.
- (2) The Class VI Store.
- (3) The Swimming Pools (both Sandy Basin and Oasis Pools).
- (4) The Regimental DFAC.

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(5) The Shockwave Club after 1500hrs.

(6) All Child, Youth, and School Services Facilities.

(7) All installation parks and recreation areas when used for sleeping.

(8) All Family Housing and Soldier Barracks Areas (unless an exception is granted per guidance in paragraph g below).

b. RTU personnel and augmentation Soldiers will be courteous to Fort Irwin service and facility employees at all times. Many employees travel great distances to work at this remote post or are assigned military Family Members. They will be treated with dignity and respect; foul language and inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. No Profanity Zones are established and posted in our facilities and they are strictly enforced.

c. Everyone will maintain their professionalism while training at the NTC. RTU personnel will not engage in inappropriate or mischievous behavior, i.e. taking parts in the motor pools, taking souvenirs from other units such as flags and guidons, defacing vehicles and facilities, etc... Such actions disrupt training, negatively impact the RTU's reputation on this installation, and will be dealt with accordingly by the NTC chain of command. The mark of a good unit is the discipline of its Soldiers. It only takes one "cowboy" to ruin a good working relationship.

d. In accordance with AR 670-1, the official duty uniform is the Army Combat Uniform (ACU) or service equivalent. Uniform standards of AR 670-1 apply in the cantonment area. RTU personnel will make every effort to be professionally presentable when visiting main post.

(1) Field Gear (LBE) and/or weapons will not be worn or carried by RTU personnel into the cantonment area or into any establishment on Fort Irwin, i.e. the Post Exchange, Burger King, Commissary, etc.

(2) Camel backs are authorized for wear at all times.

(3) The Army Physical Fitness Uniform (APFTU) will not be worn on main post except at the gyms or while actively conducting Physical Fitness training. APFTU will not be worn inside any other facility on Fort Irwin.

e. RTU personnel and augmentation Soldiers will not use the Physical Fitness Centers or any other Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Facility as shower points.

f. RTU physical fitness runs in the cantonment area are authorized with prior coordination through the NTC G3.

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g. All visits to Family Housing or Soldiers Barracks areas must be by invitation and cleared through the RTU and NTC chains of command. Approved visits require the local host to pick-up and drop-off RTU visitors in the vicinity of the Rotational Unit Bivouac Area (RUBA). At no time will RTU visitors enter housing or barracks areas unescorted by a local host.

h. Tactical Vehicles are not allowed in Family Housing Areas and must be parked only in designated areas. The Car Wash facility will not be used to wash tactical vehicles. All tactical vehicles will use chalk blocks and drip pans. Antennas must be tied down when in the cantonment area.

i. RTU enlisted personnel departing the Rotational Unit Field Maintenance Area (RUFMA) or RUBA will be supervised by an NCO. RTU personnel will not wander aimlessly on main post and will return to their unit immediately when their cantonment area mission is complete.


j. The Army tobacco use policy is strictly enforced. Tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco) will not be used in buildings, vehicles, or other restricted areas. Users will properly dispose all tobacco refuse (cigarette butts, spit bottles, etc).

k. RTU personnel and augmentation Soldiers will not purchase nor use alcohol while at Fort Irwin unless previously approved by the CG, NTC. All requests for an exception to policy must be forwarded thru the RTU and Operations Group chains of command and the Chief of Staff, NTC for processing.

5. Leader Responsibilities: Commanders and Senior Noncommissioned Officers at all levels are responsible for implementing this policy and will ensure all personnel comply. All units will include this policy as part of their Unit Training Program.

6. This policy is punitive in nature and violators are subject to UCMJ or adverse administrative action.

7. The proponent for this letter is the NTC CSM at 380-3318.

  
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